

CLAIMS

WE CLAIM:

1. A card that may be opened and closed, comprising:
a first panel having first and second opposed lateral edges;
a second panel having an inner lateral edge;
a third panel having an inner lateral edge;
a first hinge joining the first lateral edge to the inner lateral edge of the second panel;
a second hinge joining the second lateral edge to the inner lateral edge of the third panel;
a transparent housing extending through one of the panels and encasing a memento;

wherein the second hinge has a thickness greater than the first hinge such that the second panel is foldable about the first hinge to close the second panel, and the third panel is foldable about the second hinge to close the third panel after the second panel has been closed.

2. The card as recited in claim 1, wherein the housing extends through an aperture formed in the first panel, wherein the memento is visible to a user when the card is closed.

3. The card as recited in claim 2, wherein the card defines an inner surface and an outer surface that is exposed when the card is closed, and wherein the housing extends outwardly a greater distance from the outer surface than the inner surface.

4. The card as recited in claim 1, wherein the panels are generally rectangular.

5. The card as recited in claim 1, wherein the panels comprise a first laminated sheet and a second laminated sheet mounted to opposed surfaces of a third sheet.

6. The card as recited in claim 5, wherein the first laminated sheet and the third sheet are cut into the three panels, and wherein the second laminated sheet is continuous to form the first and second hinges at locations between the three panels.

7. The card as recited in claim 5, wherein the first and second sheets comprise enamel.

8. The card as recited in claim 1, wherein the second panel defines an outer lateral edge opposed from the inner lateral edge, and wherein the outer lateral edge is disposed proximal the second hinge when the second panel is closed.

9. A method for fabricating a card having an inner and outer surface, the method comprising the steps of:

(A) providing a first and second sheet presenting inner and outer surfaces, respectively, wherein the inner surface of the first sheet defines the inner surface of the card, and wherein the outer surface of the second sheet defines the outer surface of the card;

(C) providing a third sheet presenting first and second opposing surfaces, and bonding the outer surface of the first sheet to the first surface of the third sheet;

(D) cutting the first and third sheet into three sections; and

(E) bonding the second surface of the third sheet to the inner surface of the second sheet to define a pair of hinges disposed between the three sections.

10. The method as recited in claim 10, further comprising placing at least one of text and graphics on the inner surface of the first sheet and the outer surface of the second sheet.

11. The method as recited in claim 11, further comprising laminating the inner surface of the first sheet and the outer surface of the second sheet.

12. The method as recited in claim 10, wherein one of the hinges is thicker than the other hinge.

13. The method as recited in claim 10, further comprising forming an aperture through one of the sections, and inserting a housing into the aperture.

14. The method as recited in claim 13, wherein step (D) provides a center panel and a pair of outer panels.

15. The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the aperture and housing extend through the center panel.

16. The method as recited in claim 15, wherein the center panel defines an inner surface and an outer surface that is exposed when the card is closed, and wherein the housing extends outwardly from the center panel a greater distance from the outer surface than the inner surface.